

Fall 2015 ENews

SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council

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Molly F. Price, Administrator

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Council Meeting Dates

All meetings are held at the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, and begin at 10 a.m.

- March 8, 2016 in Room 204
- October 11, 2016 in Room 204

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Council Office Hours

The Council Office is open 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday, except on the following State holidays:

- Thursday – Friday, November 26-27, 2015, for Thanksgiving Day.
- Thursday, December 24, 2015, for Christmas Eve.
- Friday – Monday, December 25-28, 2015, for Christmas Day.
- Friday, January 31, 2015, for New Year's Day.
- Monday, January 18, 2016 for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.
- Monday, February 15, 2015 for President's Day.

Online Soil Roster Available

A roster of professional soil classifiers licensed in the State of South Carolina is available on the Council website at www.llronline.com/POL/soil/PDF/Soil%20Roster.pdf. This roster is provided free of charge and is updated regularly. Licensure can also be verified on the "Licensee Lookup" feature on the Council website.

Meet New Administrator – Molly F. Price

As part of an internal agency restructure, Molly Price became the new Board Administrator in February 2015. She came to LLR from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Price manages the daily activities of four licensure boards: Environmental Certification, Foresters, Landscape Architecture, and Soil Classifying. She received a Master's degree in Earth and Environmental Resource Management from the University of South Carolina in 2009.

Price currently resides in the Irmo area with her husband and 1-year-old son, Preston. She is an avid University of South Carolina fan and season ticket holder for football, basketball, and baseball. Price is also the banquet chairman for the local non-profit chapter of Delta Waterfowl.

Meet New Council Member – Christopher J. Fincham

Christopher J. Fincham, President and Owner of Integrity Soils and Wastewater Services, Inc., in Leesville, has been appointed to the SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council by LLR Director Richele Taylor. Fincham holds a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture with a major in agronomy and a minor in agricultural systems management from the Ohio State University. He is certified through the Soil Science Society of America, and is a licensed onsite wastewater system installer with the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, where he was employed as a soil scientist prior to starting Integrity Soils and Wastewater Services, Inc., in 2014. His term on the Council is March 1, 2015 – February 28, 2020.

Online Applications Now Available

You can now submit applications online! Online applications are a fast, easy, and secure way to submit for licensure with the Department. Please visit www.llronline.com/POL/soil to start the application process.

You may also apply with a paper application. These applications are available at www.llronline.com/POL/soil/index.asp?file=pub.htm. Please note that all applications and forms have been updated, and previous versions will no longer be accepted.

Council Updates Forms

The Council has been working hard to make the licensure process easier for you. The forms on the Council's website have been updated and are now in a more user-friendly format that allows you to type into the required fields. Please make sure you frequently check the Council's website for the most current forms before forwarding applications because the old applications and forms will no longer be accepted. The new applications and forms are available at www.llronline.com/POL/soil/index.asp?file=pub.htm.

Continuing Education Requirement

Don't forget that 30 hours of continuing education will be required for license renewals in 2017. Of these courses, 29 must be soils related topics, and 1 hour must be in professional ethics roles, responsibilities, and conduct of professional soil classifiers, or a review of the SC law and regulations, which are available on the Council website at www.llronline.com/POL/soil/index.asp?file=laws.htm. Continuing education hours must be obtained between February 1, 2015, and January 31, 2017. Licensees are allowed to carry over 15 hours of continuing education courses from February 1, 2013, and January 31, 2015, that were not used for the 2015 license renewal.

Please note that the Council does not pre-approve continuing education activities or courses. Additional information on the continuing education requirement is available on the Council website at www.llronline.com/POL/soil/index.asp?file=ce.htm.

Reinstatement of Lapsed License

The law only allows reinstatement of a lapsed license for a period of three years after the license lapsed. That means that you must reapply for licensure if your license lapsed before January 31, 2014.

If you qualify for reinstatement, you will need to submit the reinstatement application, the \$250 reinstatement fee, and documentation of 30 hours of continuing education activities to the Council office. The reinstatement application is available on the Council website at www.llronline.com/POL/soil/PDF/Applications/Soil%20Reinstatement%20Application.pdf.

Please contact the Council office if your license has been lapsed for more than three years. Staff will review your file to determine what documentation is necessary for reapplication.

How Do I File a Complaint?

Complaints must be filed through the online complaint form. Instructions on filing complaints can be found online at www.llronline.com/POL/soil/index.asp?file=complaint.htm.

Address for Letters of Interest and Resumes:

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Licensure Statistics as of November 16, 2015:

Professional Soil
Classifiers: 46

Soil Classifiers-In-
Training: 0

Are You Interested in Serving on the Advisory Council?

Members of the SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council are appointed by the Department. The primary responsibility of Council members is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public of South Carolina.

A professional member of the Council must be a citizen of the United States, licensed in the State of South Carolina, actively engaged in the practice of soil classifying for a period of 10 years, and in a position of responsible charge of soil classification for a period of at least six years.

Anybody interested in serving on the Council should complete a letter of interest and a resume that includes the following information:

- Education and collegiate achievements.
- Professional experience.
- Professional and technical society activities.
- Civic and humanitarian activities.
- Continuing competence.
- General personal data.
- References or letters of recommendation, if available.

Letters of interest and resumes can be sent to the Council office by email, U.S. Mail, or Fax.

Online Services

LLR offers many great online services. You can check the status of your application, change your address, and print pocket cards. To access online services, you will need the user identification and password provided on your license renewal reminder card (mailed in November 2014). Online services are available at eservice.llr.sc.gov/SecurePortal/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fSecurePortal%2fIndex.aspx&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1

We Want to Hear From You

We hope the information in this newsletter is beneficial to you as a professional soil classifier in the State of South Carolina. We welcome you sharing this newsletter and the website with anybody that has an interest in soil classifying in South Carolina. If you have questions for the Council or suggestions for a future newsletter, please submit information to Contact.Soil@llr.sc.gov.

Molly F. Price
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